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By Order of the Board,
C. MOONEY,
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Colombian, who had the misfortune to have happened, the owner, Medardo Lombardi was the author of the brochure, the "entitled," Sarah Bernhardt. With it all, however, Sarah Bernhardt, the devotion of the public, and the destruction of a host of friends. Jewish nationalism, she is nevertheless a Jewish Christian, Frenchwoman, and character, the animosity of her nation. At the age of 18, in her humor, three years ago, she is proud boast that she had never been in Germany, that only five months ago she had refused an offer of a million dollars to do so.

CHURCH SERVICES.
ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—1st SUNDAY IN LENT.
MARCH 4.
Matins.—11 a.m.—Responses, Psalms, Venite, Litanies, Benedictus, Winchester in E. lat.; Jubilate, Hymns in F; Anthem, "Turn Thy face from your sins"; Attwood, Hymn, 84; Kyrie, Schubert in G; Offertory Hymn, 270.
Evensong.—5.45 p.m.—Responses, Psalms, Benedictus, Hymns in E; Hymns, 92, 246 and 493; Voluntary, "Cujus animam" (Stabat Mater); Rossini, "Cavatina"; Bell.

UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, MARCH 4.
11 a.m.—Hymns, 219, 303, 416 and 343; Psalm, 75 (Lament); Voluntary, Macfarren, Novello and Goss.
6 p.m.—Hymns, 16, 528, 69, 283 and 493; Voluntary, Himmel and Parker.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH.—SUNDAY, MARCH 4.
Morning.—10.30. Evening.—6.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.
Daylight.—Midnight. Mera leaves for Swatow.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per Java not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.
Meeting.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Kowloon (Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.), at the Company's Office, No. 2, Connaught Road.
Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance of the A. D. C., in the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.
Goods per Tonkin undischarged before Noon, subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, March 6.
Goods per Java undischarged after noon this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, March 7.
Noon.—Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at Wing Lok Street and Des Voeux Road.
List for the Pekin Syndicate closed on or before this date.

THURSDAY, March 8.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., at the Office of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

Goods per Panama not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 16.
10 a.m.—Tenders for Supply of Provisions, &c., for the R. N. Hospital.

TUESDAY, March 27.
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., at the Company's Hotel.



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On the 2nd February, at Sandakan, the Wife of WILLIAM HUGHES PERREY, District Magistrate and Postmaster-General, of a Daughter.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.00 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1900.

Editorial Comment.

The statement made by the Piracy in the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce in its Trade Report issued for this month that:

"Business everywhere is hampered by the lawless state of the country, which is more or less in the hands of numerous bands of brigands, preying on all legitimate trade," is one which deserves more than passing notice.

We in Hongkong know how seriously the trade of the port with the southern portion of China has been retarded by the prevalence of piracy in the Canton delta, but apparently the seriousness of the condition of affairs is not realized by the home authorities, and it is to be hoped that the references now made by the Chamber of Commerce may lead to some definite policy in these waters.

In the past history of our intercourse with China it has not always been necessary to await detailed instructions from the authorities in Downing Street. There was a time when our naval officers were given a free hand in the suppression of piracy in the China Seas, and as pirates are as detrimental to Chinese interests as they are to British trade we have no doubt that if general instructions were issued by the British Government from the Admiralty, giving our naval officers a free hand, the present recrudescence of piratical outrages would be speedily swept away.

On the China station there is now a large fleet, the second largest British squadron afloat, and without hampering the mobility of the fleet in any way a sufficient number of small cruisers could be detached for the general policing of the delta. So long as we are embroiled in South Africa, however, the Imperial Government cannot be desirous of raising any complications in the Far East, but as His Excellency the Viceroy at Canton has expressed his willingness to Sir Henry Blake, the Governor of Hongkong, to co-operate with the British authorities in the suppression of piracy, we do not suppose that any serious difficulties would arise. At any rate the matter is one which is requiring immediate and drastic treatment, and we hope the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will use whatever influence it has upon the other foreign members of this representative commercial body to enlist other nations—Germany, for instance—to assist in policing the waters of the southern delta.

Our German friends profit largely from the trade facilities afforded by Hongkong's proximity to the mainland, and as British interests suffer, so German trade also is to some extent hampered by the operations of the Chinese pirates. The United States are too busy in the Philippines to expect this growing commercial power to assist, but it is reasonable to expect that in a few more months even the United States may be able to lend a vessel or two for cruising purposes in the Canton delta. Practical joint action of this kind would do more to keep open the door to foreign trade than all the international agreements on paper to respect the open door in China; and as all nations would benefit from the restoration of peace in South China, there need be no international jealousy in the proposals that are now made. The Chamber of Commerce is to be praised for keeping the subject before the British authorities, and we hope it will accept our suggestion and ask its foreign members to petition their respective Governments to the like effect.

We have received from 'A Soldier in the Ranks' a letter dealing with the proposal to establish a bar in the new Soldiers' Club. The letter is too long for reproduction, and at the same time it deals with the subject in a manner not altogether suitable for reproduction in a daily newspaper. The writer is evidently a member of the Army Temperance Association; but he is something more. He is a total abstainer of the strictest stamp, and as such 'would sweep the drink off the face of the earth.' Our Correspondent's bias, in our opinion, warps his judgment, and prevents him from taking a fair view of the proposal of General Gascoigne in reference to the new Club. He argues that the first thing to be done to accomplish any reform is to remove the cause of the evil aimed at. Referring to Professor Drummond on governing principles he proceeds: "The law for drunkenness is a strong drink, and to remove drunkenness you must remove the drink and sweep it off the face of the earth. It has slain a great many more of our troops than ever Kruger will."

We talk of the losses of the 'Armed'—They are nothing compared with the human sacrifices passed by drink. Crime in the Army would be a thing of the past if drink could be done away with. If a person does not want to get tropical African

fever the best thing he can do is to stop at home and not go there; and the only cure for drunkenness is total abstinence. No doubt many who read this letter will say that I am a fanatic and cannot stop at one glass. I beg to point out that all temperance reformers claim that you cannot make a drunkard a moderate drinker, but you can make him a teetotaler and a moderate drinker a drunkard. It is quite possible to agree with what our correspondent says, but in Hongkong as elsewhere we have to deal with things as they are, and since human nature is what it is legislation must be devised, or other measures taken which will prevent drunkenness without at the same time interfering with that liberty of the subject which is one of the primary principles in good government. We have no desire to enter into any discussion with 'A Soldier in the Ranks' because, as we have already said, we have a considerable degree of sympathy with him. We know as a fact that the Army Temperance Association has done and is still doing excellent work amongst our soldiers, as has been frequently testified by most of our leading generals and officials in high position, but so far as he objects to the proposed Canton in connection with the new Club we are at variance with him. General Gascoigne is a sensible man taken human nature as it is. There are soldiers, just as there are civilians, who wish to partake of something stronger than lemonade or nectar. Now, we know that allegations have been made over again and truly made, that our soldiers and sailors in Hongkong often get into trouble with their superiors through drinking the deleterious intoxicating liquors that are sold throughout this Colony. The subject cannot so much talk a year or so ago that a Commission set to investigate the question. The Commission, like most Commissions in Hongkong, had no good effect, and as analysts will not condemn the most objectionable concoctions as poisonous, there is apparently no possibility of stopping the sale of these vile liquors. We suppose the proposal to have a canteen in the Club arises from a desire to keep the soldiers from going elsewhere, to more objectionable places, where they are served with bad liquor. This is a most praiseworthy proposal. It is one that commands itself to fair-minded men, and its effect upon the morals of the garrison ought to be incalculable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Late Mat Salleh.

In noticing the death of the notorious Borneo rebel, Mat Salleh, the *Harold* says:—

"This is the death of a very annoying, if not formidable, enemy, and will relieve H. E. Governor Clifford of much anxiety."

The Burma-Chinese Frontier.

The *Rangoon Gazette* of the 15th February says:—Assistant-Surgeon Dalby has left for the Boundary Commission camp to take the place of the late Major Kiddle. Further news has been received from Mr. Scott that the Las burnt Chinese Shan villages, notwithstanding the presence of Chinese troops, Mr. Scott has summoned the Military Police reserve from Hongkong to his assistance. Captain French-Mullen is starting at once with 180 rifles and hopes to join Mr. Scott at Mongkaw on the 19th.

Kang Yu Wei at Singapore.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 23rd February says:—This morning, about 7 o'clock, Mr. Kang Yu Wei and his companions in exile were escorted on board a homeward-bound steamer by a body of armed Sikhs and an Assistant Superintendent of Police. A number of Chinese friends were at the wharf to see them off. The destination of the party is unknown to the public and we will not venture to guess it, nor will we credit current rumour about it, in spite of the publicity given to it by our contemporary the other day. We hope Mr. Kang Yu Wei will enjoy his trip.

The 'King's Own.'

On the eve of the departure from Singapore of the 'King's Own,' the *Free Press* says:—

"His friends in Singapore will doubtless be pleased to hear that, according to information conveyed in a private cable from London, Sergeant-Major Wilson, of the 'King's Own,' is gazetted as Honorary Lieutenant and Quartermaster of the regiment. Lieutenant Wilson has seen upwards of thirteen years' service, during which time his promotion has been rapid, for he is still quite young. A strict disciplinarian, but having a kindly interest in his men at all times, he has won the esteem of officers, N. C. O.'s, and the rank and file alike of the 'King's Own,' all of whom congratulate him on his good fortune. In civilian circles, and especially amongst Freemasons here, of which order he is a Past Master, Lieutenant Wilson's promotion will be received with gratification."

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Notes by the Way.

The officers of the German cruiser *Goeben* made themselves very popular during their visit to Sandakan early last month.

The second of the International Rugby matches—Wales v. Scotland at Swansea—resulted in a win for Wales by 4 tries to 1.

The Principality has a good chance of wresting the championship from Ireland this season.

Two Russian transports arrived at Singapore on the 22nd Feb. from Odessa on their way to Vladivostok, the *Vernoy* with nearly a thousand soldiers, and the *Petersburg* also with a large number of troops.

Sergeant W. Cloke, of the Singapore V. A., who left Singapore for South Africa on the outbreak of hostilities, has joined Thornycroft's Horse, which has borne a considerable share of the fighting in Natal.

The 'King's Own' left Singapore on board the *Albatross* on the 23rd February. As the *Albatross* slowly left the wharf the band of the 16th Madras Native Infantry commenced to play the 'British Grenadiers.' The Girl I left behind me, and finally as the ship was well under way 'Auld Lang Syne.' Three cheers for Singapore, from the *Albatross*, three cheers for the gallant 'King's Own' from those ashore, and Singapore had said good-bye to one of the best regiments that ever did garrison duty there. The following kindly farewell telegram was received from Sir Alexander Sweetman from Penang by Lt.-Col. Rowlandson, K.O.R.:—

"With you, your officers, and your fine regiment a pleasant voyage and all good luck. We shall miss you all greatly."

The steamer does not call at Colombo, the first stoppage being made at Aden.

The War—British Losses.

Down to the end of January, the British losses in South Africa were:—Killed, 1083; Wounded, 3790; Missing (prisoners), 2517. Added to this there were 346 casualties at Ladysmith on Jan. 6, and 248 had died there from disease, making a grand total of 7383. Since then many more casualties have been reported. There were, to that date, 197 officers killed, 266 wounded, and 194 missing or taken prisoners—507.

The Straits Governorship.

A late letter from a very well informed source in London says:—The Colonial Office still remains silent as to the new Governor. The only rumour I have heard is in favour of a certain Sir Francis Fleming, who, if one is to judge from his previous career, should be an inveterate red-tapeist, and likely to be the man for Galway; or Colonel Cardon, who has made such a mess lately at Sierra Leone. I am too fond of the old place to wish it the threatened bad luck, and trust that should Fleming be appointed he may turn out a better sort of fellow than above depicted.

Seizure of Counterfeit Coin.

There is a good deal of bad money in circulation in the Colony, and it will be gratifying intelligence to the public that the Police have been able to trace one of the sources of the supply to Faislan. The coins are excellently minted, and it would be exceedingly difficult to distinguish between the subsidiary coins of the Kwangtung mint and the bogus article. Yesterday, the Police were placed in possession of information which led to the seizure of counterfeit ten and twenty-cent pieces representing in value \$34. A cook in the employ of Lavi Mau Sang, a broker, residing at No. 26 Li Yuen Street, complained to Inspector McLennan at the West Point Police Station that his master had paid him his wages in counterfeit money, and that there was plenty more bad money in a locked box in his master's room. Chief Detective Inspector Hanson was informed of the report made by the cook, and he entered the house in Li Yuen Street under a search warrant. The money was found in the box as described. The master was placed under arrest, and at the Magistrate's day was charged that he 'unlawfully did have in his possession more than three pieces of false or counterfeit coin resembling or passing for the Queen's current silver coin of this Colony (to wit) divers false or counterfeit silver twenty-cent and ten-cent pieces, well knowing the same to be false or counterfeit, and with intent to utter or pass the same contrary to Ordinance 10 of 1895, on the 2nd inst.' He pleaded not guilty. After evidence of arrest had been given, the case was remanded till Friday first. Mr. E. W. Mounsey, who appeared for the prisoner, asked that bail might be allowed, and a sum of \$500 was fixed by the Magistrate.

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